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Bankstown City's Captain Mark Reverley endeavours to rescue the Championship Cup from an excited club committee man.

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After 28 weeks of success with Super Soccer bringing you all the news, views and teams for the 1993 N.S.W. State League Season, we are now underway with SIMPLY SOCCER, a brand new National publication covering the complete Coca-Cola Soccer League Season with the top Soccer writers in Australia - Michael Cockerill - Ray Gatt - Robert Wheatley - Paul Goodwin - Anthony Raineri - Dave Cooper and Ian Marriott with a number of top line writers still to join, what will be Australia's Premier Weekly Soccer Publication.

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Blacktown City fail to conquer Bankstown City CHAMPIONSHIP



SUPER LEAGUE with Ian Marriott

Blacktown City coach Ken Schembri tipped the outcome of the Super League Grand Final in previous week when he correctly suggested that the game would be won by an individual flash of brilliance.

That is precisely what it took for Bankstown City to sink the unlucky Demons after the match had appeared certain of being forced into extra time when the 90th minute showed on the referees watch.

In the 90th minute Bankstown's most effective midfielder on the day, Anthony Surjan broke through into the area pressuring Steve Berry who until then had played 90 minutes of superb football. Berry appeared uncertain and Surjan moved in to win the ball.

Berry was unbalanced and slipped, desperately attempting to gain his footing while Surjan was brilliantly



It's all over, Bankstown City players celebrate after their last minute goal

stepping past him and provided an excellent chipped cross for the ever present Scott Gilbert to volley his shot past the Demons custodian Craig Carter and giving Schembri's brave team no chance of recovering.

Blacktown City can look back on the match knowing that for 70% of the match they were well on top particularly in the second period when they emerged from the break and simply exploded creating opportunity after opportunity.

After just 60 seconds of the half Steve Berry put Damon Langan down the right before he supplied an excellent



FLASH OF BRILLIANCE FOR BANKSTOWN CITY

Bankstown City 1 Blacktown City 0

cross from David Batten to arrive only a fraction of a second too late, Bankstown keeper Anthony Avellino taking the cross at the far post.

Three minutes later Gilbert replied from Bankstown with a strong run down the right before entering the area and shooting into the alert arms of Carter. But it was to prove a rare raid by Bankstown and the following 30 minutes saw the Demons almost exclusively doing all the attacking with Man of the Match Martin Driene making yet another run down the right flank, beating two players in the process and shooting a powerful dipping shot from just outside the area which beat Avellino before striking the upright and bouncing back into play.

Two minutes later Avellino was beaten once again when Lawrie McKinna ran down the left side and into the area where he drove a vicious shot which smashed against the crossbar and bounced down onto the line and away. Batten was provided with a perfect opportunity just two minutes later from only five metres out and right in front he could only hook his first time attempt into the waiting arms of Avellino.

As Gilbert later commented, when the opposition hits the woodwork twice, you know its going to be a good day,



Bankstown City's Scott Gilbert not only inflicted the mortal blow to Blacktown City but by this photograph he was hell bent on doing as much damage to Blacktown City as humanly possible.

and indeed it was for Bankstown City who have won their first Super League trophy in their first year operation.

According to Gilbert the Bankstown coach Lube Jancev was always confident of winning.

"Our Coach Lube Jancev believed we were certainties," said Gilbert.

"At half time he (Lube Jancev) told us that we had 45 minutes left to show that we were the best."

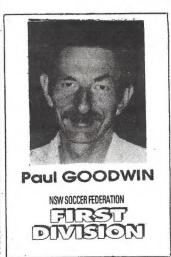
Apart form Surjan and goal scoring hero Gilbert, others to star for Bankstown included Mendo Ralevski who relentlessly denied the De-



mons attacking waves and Marshall Soper who worked seemingly tirelessly up front causing constant problems for the Blacktown City defenders with his jinking runs.



The Division One Champions - Belmore Hercules.



Congratulations are in order for the 1st Division debut boys Belmore who staged a last ditch recovery to upstage their more highly fancied opponents. Belmore grabbed a sensational injury-time equaliser at The Gabbie Stadium to force the 1993 1st Division Grand Final into extra time as supporters of the inner suburban club, apparently resigned to their fate, began to drift away from the ground.

It had seemed certain that Mount Druitt, the Premiers, would hand onto a 1-0 lead since Belmore had rarely threatened the opposition goal in a rather ordinary contest during the stipulated 90 minute.

The Belmore team proved quite a different proposition once the game moved into extra time and it was only sensational goalkeeping by Derek Jenkins which kept Belmore at bay, ultimately leaving penalties to decide the issue.

Mount Druitt had enough chances during the regulation time to score a comfortable victory, but squandered too many opportunities and

were deprived of the glory with the last kick of the match.

The first half saw Mount Druitt go close in the 8th minute from Eddie Clune who was on the end of a fine flowing movement which began will inside the Premiers' own half.

Don Campbell, playing what looks like being his last game for the club, attempted to stab in a free kick in the 29th, but a desperate goal-line clearance by Belmore denied

Belmore had shots by Bill Baltatzis and Jim Mellisourgos wide of the target, but the opposition attack did not give Jenkins much to worry about in the first forty five minutes.

Craig Smith had been effective until being replaced by Wayne Farnsworth, after half an hour and Farnsworth soon made his mark.

His header from a David Close cross from the right byline was another effort to be cleared off the Belmore line, this time in the 60th.

Mount Druitt appeals for penalties in both halves went unheeded, the second of these in the 68th, when Scott McArdle appeared to be chopped down as he converged on the Belmore goal, appearing to be the harshest. Though Jim Meliossourgos had a fierce shot from a free kick save well by Jenkins it was something out of the blue as Belmore was mostly on the defensive in this period.

Darren Pratt should have got the scoreboard operating in the 70th, clipping the ball over the bar from left of the area 12 metres out, the shot

ISTORMING FINISH

being a little hasty as the player had room to carry the ball closer to goal before letting fly.

In the 81st the goal Mount Druitt had always looked like scoring finally arrived. Eddie Clune slipped the ball in the path of Farnsworth, inside the area and the wily player-coach turned on a sixpence and tucked the ball adroitly under the youthful 'keeper Simon Kilazoglou.

The youngster had come on for the injured Angelo Rodic in the 17th minute and did much sterling work.

Farnsworth's strike looked like settling the issue until Belmore won a corner on the right five minute into stoppage time.

Bill Baltatzis swung the ball wide where it was nodded down and pushed back to the edge of the area for the waiting Manny Spanoudakis who slammed the ball high into the net.

Jenkins was beaten at last appearing to be unsighted behind a wall of players in a crowded goalmouth and moved fractionally late and could do no more than help the ball into the net.

After the game moved into extra time Jenkins had his work cut out as Belmore suddenly took control and the dispirited Mount Druitt defended doggedly.

Perry Giannopoulos should have given Belmore a lead one minute into this 20 minute period, but from Con Anagnastopoulos' cross the player spooned the ball over the bar at point blank range.



Jenkins pulled off several top saves in the ensuing minutes, but it did look as if Mount Druitt had grabbed the winner for a second time when Campbell nodded in a Mark Pratt cross from the right in the 99th minute.

The linesman had his flag up, however, and the goal was disallowed.

Darren Pratt missed another chance towards the end, but it was Belmore who did most of the damage.

Shots from Melissourgos and Ziras were well saved and a header from George Makelos was also dealt with effectively by Jenkins who did everything possible to keep his side in business.

When the game moved into penalties it continued to be evenly poised. Both 'keepers got a hand to a couple of the penalties, but neither custodian could prevent the

first five from each side for going in.

Belmore scored the first of the sudden death shots, substitute Chris Hatzianestis being on target, before Mount Druitt boss Farnsworth watched in anguish as his side's sixth attempt, taken by the coach himself was saved by the young hero Simon Kilazoglou.

It had been regular 'keeper Angelo Rodic who had been the penalty shoot-out star in an earlier semi-final, but he had to drop out soon after the start with an injured leg.

The Mount Druitt team were showing far more signs of tiredness towards the end, with many players going down with cramp, while Belmore kept going with the pressure mounted.

It was a very exciting thirty minutes of extra time which compensated for a rather

DIVISION ONE GRAND FINAL

Continued from Page 7 David Close, Mark Downs, Casserley, Don Bob Campbell, Scott McArdle, Troy Shipley, John White, Darren Pratt, Craig Smith (Wayne Farnsworth 30), Eddie Clune (Mark Pratt 87). Referee: Nick Xanthos.

CENTRAL **COAST WIN UNDER 21**

The Under 21 match was another tight one, with Central Coast emerging 1-0 winners over Mount Pritchard.

Mounties were penalised for an infringement when goalie Ron Gisbourne picked up a back pass in the 23rd minute. Damien Brown slammed the ball into a vacant spot in the centre of the goal despite a line of defenders standing sentry alongside the 'keeper. Brad Lewis had a few chances to get the Mounties level, but missed with a couple of shots before his low second half drive was booted off the line by Brown. Darryl Harvey went close again for Coast, slicing the ball across the face of goal while Lewis lobbed wide once more as time ran out for the Mount Pritchard boys. HOW THEY LINED UP CENTRAL COAST:

Referee: Gorn Dublievic.

WEST WANDERERS IN NAIL BITE

The Under 18 match belonged to West Wanderers by virtue of a nail-biting penalty shoot-out.

Wests held the upper hand in the first half. Charlie Morales hitting the crossbar and Scott Mahboub heading goalwards in the second period only for Todd Walker to head clear from the line.

In extra time Paul Trimboli chased a long ball through but Peter Moore in the Mount Druitt goal was quickly off his line to win the race to the ball.

Mount Druitt also had their moments.

Adam Millar on the break had a shot well saved, though he had other options with players moving up in sup-

Then Justin Burns shot just over in the 88th.

All five West Wanderers penalty takers were on target, but one Mount Druitt shot was saved by Chris Duffet and that saw Wests prevail 5-3, with the fifth attempt by Mount Druitt not needed.

The vital fifth kick fell to the substitute, blond-thatched rookie Matthew Parelli, who confidently struck the ball past the capable Peter Moore to wide acclaim from his team mates.

HOW THEY LINED UP WEST

Winkle (Duffett 50), Lee, Uribe, Wright, Maric, Buterin, Worth (Mahboub), Trimboli. Mezzanotte (Parelli), Borges, Morales. MOUNT DRUITT: Moore,

Day, Apeczowek, Walker, Ostrowski, Malgioglio (Millar), Costello, Vanega, Grivas (Gibbs 47), Grech, Burns.

Referee: Nick Pride-Hearn.

Parelli), Borges, Morales. MOUNT DRUITT: Moore, Referee: Nick Pride-Hearn. Referee: Nick Pride-Hearn.

with the N.S.W. Soccer Federation starting their own Under 13 to 17 Youth League Competitions in

According to the constitution, the N.S.W. Amateur Soccer Federation's function is to "administer community based soccer football" and with the N.S.W. Federation starting Youth League it will enable the "Amateurs" to concentrate

youth of their own clubs.
"There will be 20 to 25 clubs participating in the Federation's Youth League and no Association will be accepted."

The First Division will consist of the top clubs and will include C.C.S.L. Clubs Marconi, Parramatta, Syd-ney United and Sydney Olympic.

All member clubs of the N.S.W. Soccer Federation will play in the newly formed tes.
HEY LINED UP
WANDERERS:

On their given role in the competition while the Association will still play under the N.S.W.A.S.F. banner.

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Brown, Herring, Gribble,

Lynch, Kennedy, Donald,

Harvey, Melverton, Eslick.

MOUNT PRITCHARD:

Gisbourne, Green, Bangs, Tolley, Mlinich, Blaskovic,

Vicaretti, Maric, Hinton,

Fitzsimmons.

Borg, Lewis.

Potter.

SUPER LEAGUE LOWER GRADES GRAND FINALS



BLACKTOWN CITY UP IN SHOOT OUT

With Blacktown City having all three grades in the Grand Finals and attempting to create a unique piece of history, it was only their U/21 team that proved successful on the day.

The however did it the hard way, equalising with only minutes to go in normal time against a gallant Bonnyrigg White Eagles side, and eventually winning the penalty shoot-out.

Bonnyrigg were set to make it a bad day for the Demons when they scored two sec-

ond half goals to take a 2-1 lead but relentless pressure in the final minutes saw Blacktown equalise through Matthew Heighway.

The Demons took the lead in the first half when Gary Comerford was on hand to scramble home the second ten minutes later.

Heighway's equaliser just before full-time was the spur the Demons needed as they kept the pressure on the Eagles in extra-time, but failed to score.

The penalty shoot-out

BIG COVERAGE OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE WITH PAUL GOODWIN

Followers of the NSL Youth League will be pleased to learn that 'Simply Soccer' intends to provide an exclusive and up-to-date coverage of this important testing ground for the nation's soccer talent throughout the season.

In addition to our comprehensive weekly match summary and results service we will feature stories on and articles about the emerging players featured in the Northern Division

All the goals will be tallied, all the incidents that matter will be dealt with and, in short, supporters can be assured that we will give the NSL Youth League the backing it has always deserved.

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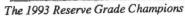
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Director of Coaching: Tony Henderson
Under 16: Dennis Yaager
Under 15: Dick Kocass
Under 14: John Byrne
Under 13: Tam Finlayson

LOWER GRADE GRAND FINALS

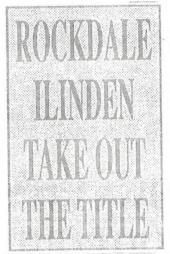
proved a one sided affair with each goalkeeper saving one penalty while Bonnyrigg's takers missed two kicks, and Blacktown's making no mistake.













Under 18 Champions, Rockdale

If the Blacktown supporters were taking bets on which grade they though would have the best chance of being crowned champions-it would have been the U/18's.

All season they had dominated this competition and were unanimous favourites. How wrong people can be as Rockdale Ilinden not only beat the Demons but beat the so convincingly to finally win 3-0.

Rockdale took an early lead when the Demons failed to clear a corner and Jimmy Petrovski was on hand to volley home from the edge of the box.

Rockdale went further ahead seven minutes before halftime when David Georgievski scored.

Blacktown pressed forward in the second half and in the end were caught out ten minutes from the end when Daniel Chakarovski was put through and he had no trouble in slotting home Rockdale's third goal and a well deserved win.



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UNBRIDLED JUBILATION THROUGHOUT BRUNSWICK UNITED - C.C.S.L's "NEW BOYS"



A feeling of relief and satisfaction rather than unbridled jubilation is permeating through Melbourne Brunswick United at the moment.

The relief and satisfaction is of the proud club finally being readmitted to the Coca Cola Soccer League (CCSL) after a five year absence.

Talking to players and officials, boasts of 1993/94 being a championship-winning and record breading season - or anything like that - are non-existent,

Instead the talk is quietly confident of a moderately successful season with establishment and consolidation the key words.

"The aim of the club is to be competitive in the first and to win most of our home games," new club general manager Cameron Richardson said last Saturday.

"We are not saying we won't make the semi-finals, we are just not predicting it."

Richardson is an example of several measures taken by the club recently to ensure its survival in Australia's number one competition.

The GM was the marketing executive of Australian Football League (AFL) club Footscray until earlier this year when he switched codes.

Richardson admits this involvement in soccer in the past has negligible, but Brunswick's decision to hire someone with a proven track record in administration in sport like AFL is to be applauded.

To further consolidate their place in the CCSL, Brunswick have leased the 32,000 capacity Western Oval which is also used by AFL club Footscray and National Baseball League club Melbourne Monarchs.

Australia's first female soccer President, Maria Carmignani, has been credited as a driving force behind the resurgence of Brunswick.

Mrs. Carmignani is a former director of the club's social committee and she has received widespread publicity for her no-nonsense approach to the President's job during the past three years. On the playing front, Brunswick coach John Margaritis has made some impressive signings from around Australia and overseas.

Preston's former Socceroo Andrew Zinni, the 1992 NSW Super League Player of the Year Jonathan Pillemer and Marconi's Anthony Budini will all wear Brunswick shirts this year.

Former Russian international midfielder Artur Kirishian and former Yugoslavia first division defender Aleksandar Kuzmanovic will be Brunswick's two visa players.

Experienced players Steve Smith and Sean Wayne will be backing up while Paul Della Rocca - who was on loan to Morwell Falcons last season - has been called back by Brunswick.

"Things are looking good," Richardson said.

"We will be announcing our major sponsor soon, our membership campaign is going well and the squad is coming together.

SIMPLY SOCCER'S LOOK AT THE C.C.S.L CLUBS

"Our support base is still very much Italian but we are also trying to attract members of the general community."

To win its place in the CCSL, Brunswick thwarted challenges from fellow Victorian clubs Preston and Bulleen and Sydney club Bonnyrigg White Eagles.

Brunswick, which is 43 years old, is steeped in all much tradition and history as almost any other club is this country.

Before the formation of a national league in 1977, Brunswick were crowned Victorian Champions seven times including five consecutive seasons from 1952 to 1958.

In 1985, Brunswick won their first and only national championship by defeating the all-powerful Sydney City over two legs.

In fact the only other Victorian team to win the National League has been South Mel-

bourne in 1984 and 1991. Brunswick's championshipwinning squad of no-names put together for only less than \$50,000 - was Brian Brown (captain), Yakka Baanovic, Mehemet Durakovic, John Dowie, Eddie Campbell, Fab Incantalupo, Mike Peterson, Richard Miranda, Paul Wade, Robie Cullen, Joe Sweeney, Peter Lewis, Reno Minichiello, Andrew Zinni, Joe Palatsides, Paul Drinoczky and Sean Keogh.

Peterson ad Zinni went on to play for the Socceroos.

Brunswick spent five seasons in the National League before being relegated in 1988.

Their record reads 142 matches, won 56, drawn 30, lost 54 and a for and against record of 175-174.

Brunswick reached the semifinals in 1984 and 1986, won the championship in 1985 and finished eighth and second last in 1987 and 88.

A bright spot in their last season of National League was a place in the National Cup final won by Apia-Leichhardt in a penalty shootout

Their performance in the Victorian State League (VSL) since 1988 has netted the club one championship and three runners-up medals. In fact, Brunswick's record in the VSL is staggering - 18 times semi-finalists including six times runners up.

Welcome back, Melbourne Brunswick United. Even if you are Juventus no more, the game of soccer can only be better off with you back in the National League.

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REDA LEAVES 'HOME' FOR

A Special WEEKLY FEATURE with Ray GATT

Elegant midfielder Michael Reda admits he was almost at the point of tears when he turned up to training recently at Parramatta to tell his teammates that he has accepted an offer to link with Coca-Cola Soccer League giants Adelaide City.

After two years at Eagles Reda, understandably, found it difficult to hide his emotions to reveal he was leaving a place he had grown to know as his 'football home.'

Parramatta coach Rale Rasic was even moved to say that it was "one of the most touching moments in my career as a coach" as he watched Reda say good-bye to his mates.

"The kid was fighting back the tears," Rasic said. "He was genuinely sorry to have to leave the nest, but no-one begrudges him."

"It was the hardest thing I have ever had to do," Reda said. "The club has been great to me and I have had some wonderful moments. The Eagles really gave me my start."

But, as the old saying goes: "Time stands still for no man" and Reda cannot be blamed for looking to greener pastures to further his footballing dreams.

And, the scenery does not get



Michael Reda playing the off season with Rockdale

much better than Adelaide City - a club steeped in tradition and an organisation which exudes confidence, class, respect and success both on and off the field.

Reda's move to the City of Churches - and he is not afraid to admit it - is designed with greater things in mind according to the 20-year-old. "I think I had done all I could

at Parramatta," he said. "I learned a great deal, especially under Rale. He was like a father to me, he was always there when I needed him.

"But, I don't think they could have given me what I wanted - a stepping stone to bigger thins like the National Team. "I want to eventually play for the Socceroos and go overseas to play and I feel Adelaide City would be the ideal launching pad for me.

"They have a great coach in Zoran Matic and some really classy players like Milan Ivanovic, Alex Tobin and Steve Maxwell."

Reda says he has settled in well with the Zebras though he misses his family and his girlfriend Karen.

A SOUTHERN CHALLENGE

"It is always difficult to leave home, but I'm sure things will work out and hopefully Karen will come over eventually," he added.

Reda has played a trial match with City in Western Australia and was happy with the way he went.

Considering it was my first game in three months I was reasonably pleased," he said. "Zoran has his way of playing things and it is just a matter of time getting used to it all."

For his part Matic, who is reported to have splurged \$40,000 to secure Reda, says it will take time for the youngster to settle in.

"He is a good player and I like his touch on the ball," Matic said. "But just because we paid good money for him doesn't mean he will be a great player.

"Idon't listen to other people ... I make my own judgments."

Matic hinted that while he thought highly of Reda he believes the midfielder will need some time to adjust to "the Adelaide City way of football."

"I don't want individuals," he said. "Everyone in my team knows 10 seconds in advance what he wants to do. Every move is calculated." The last word on Reda went to Rasic.

"He will do well at Adelaide," he said. "He is one of the best talents I have handled. He has unbelievable potential to become a superstar."



ROBERT WHEATLEY REPORTS

National coach Eddie Thomson selected 18 home based players for two full international matches against the South Korean's in Soul later this month.

English born South Melbourne striker Francis Awaritefe makes his debut for the Socceroos after an impressive season with South Melbourne. Awaritefe was the highest goal scorer in last season's Coca Cola Soccer League.

His South Melbourne team mate Paul Trimboli is fully aware of the importance of his inclusion as he attempts to force his way into Thomson's calculations for the matches against Argentina to fill the vacancy of suspended striker Frank Farina.

Competition for places has further intensified with the comments by Eddie Thomson that he would like to have Aston Villa based goalkeeper Mark Bosnich back in his squad.

Recently promoted Marconi keeper Mark Schwarzer is philosophical about his fu-

"I was very happy with the way I performed against Canada and am looking forward to more appearances." "Mark (Bosnich) is a fine goalkeeper but I will be pressing hard to maintain my position."

The team flew out for South Korea on Tuesday and will play games on Friday 24th and Sunday 26th in Seoul.

The full squad is:

Mark Schwarzer (Marconi); Robert Zabica (Adelaide City); Milan Ivanovic (Adelaide City); Tony Vidmar (Adelaide City); Alex Tobin (Adelaide City); Mehmet Durakovic (South Melbourne); Stan Lazaridis (West Adelaide); Steve Corica (Marconi); Paul Wade (Capt.) (South Melbourne); Branko Milosevic (Sydney Olympic); Jason Polak (Newcastle BHP); Damian Mori (Adelaide City); Kimon Taliadoros

(Marconi); Paul Trimboli (South Melbourne); Matthew Bingley (Marconi); Francis Awaritefe (South Melbourne); George Slifkas (West Adelaide). Ian Gray (Marconi) was a late withdrawal due to injury.

ORLD CUP QUALIFIERS ARE NEAR COMPLETI

In slightly over one month's time the World Cup Qualifiers will be completed for USA 94. 22 nations will join host The United States and 1990 winners West Germany (now Germany) in the ultimate soccer contest.

Several nations including Russia, Greece, Mexico, Colombia and Brazil have earnt the right to take part

Many other nations, however are still uncertain of their fate, and will be relying on their own performances and anxiously watching those of their group opponents in nailbiting countdown to qualification.

In South American Group B perennial favourites and three times World Cup winners Brazil left their best until the final qualifying game.

In front of 101,500 fans in Rio's Maracana Stadium Brazil swamped Uruguay 2-0 with a double from Romario to book a place in USA 94.

Brazil took maximum points from their final three games with impressive wins over Uruguay, Venezuela (4-0) and Bolivia (6-0).

After a horror opening to the qualifiers Brazil had one point form a possible four but in the clash against Uruguay Romario and Bebeto ran riot.

Romario's first goal began when striker partner Bebeto broke free of the night and crossed to the far post where Romario raced in to head the ball beyond heroic Uruguay goalkeeper Robert Siboldi.

That released Brazil from its tension and 11 minutes later Marco Silva dribbled past three opponents in midfield and sent Romario clear. The diminutive striker rounded Siboldi to score from an acute angle. Ignored since last December after protesting at being omitted from the starting line up for a friendly against Germany, Romario continued his Barcelona form.

Surprisingly Uruguay, despite needing a win, packed its defence from the start and made little impression of Taffarel's goal.

Siboldi however continued to cut out several dangerous crosses and made an amazing save in the 37th minute to push aside Jorginh's thunderbolt.

Four minutes later he defied the laws of gravity to tip over Bebetos left footed half volley.

Tension at the Maracana was heightened by the stalemate that continued until the 72nd minute but the Romario double saw the stadium explode with relief.

TEAMS

BRAZIL: Taffarel, Jorginho, Ricardo Gomes, Ricardo Rocha, Branco, Dunga, Mauro Silva, Rai, Zinho, Bebeto, Romario.

URUGUAY: Robert Siboldi, Gustavo Mandes, Jose Herrera, Ricardo Canals (Jose Luis Zalazar 64 minute), Fernando Kanapkis, Jose Batista, Alvaro Gutierrez, Diego Dorta, Enzo Farancescoli (Adrian Paz 64th), Daniel Fonseca, Ruben Sosa.

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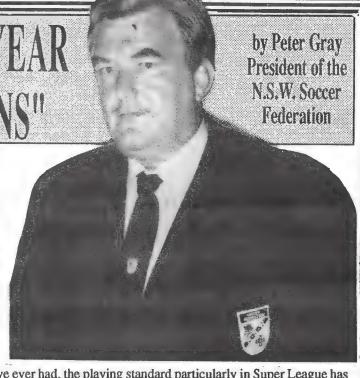
IT'S BREN A GREAT YEAR

It is my very great pleasure to congratulate Bankstown City on winning the Grand Final last Sunday at Marconi Stadium.

The last minute goal that gave victory to Bankstown City, typified Grand Final Day, a spectacular day which went off without a "hitch".

Congratulations Blacktown City and Rockdale Ilinden on your respective victories in the Reserve Grade and Under 18 Competitions.

While giving Bankstown City all the plaudits they deserve one should not forget Blacktown City's wonderful achievement of winning the Minor Premiership in all three grades - Congratulations Blacktown City on your wonderful effort.



The 1993 Season has, without doubt, been the best we have ever had, the playing standard particularly in Super League has been exceptional while the clubs have responded to the challenges that the season has brought, making 1993 an immense success.

I take this opportunity to congratulate Division One Premiers Belmore Hercules and all other Divisional winners.

Super Soccer - the magazine and the Radio Show have both been forward thinking initiatives of the N.S.W. Soccer Federation and both have proved to be enormously successful.

Apart from Super Soccer and the enhanced football standards, the clubs have set out to provide the patrons of our game with much better facilities than they ever had in the past.

Finally I would like to thank my Board of Directors, General Manager Peter Thorne, Marketing Manager Chris Tanner, for his efforts in regards to the Carlton and United Breweries sponsorship and State of Origin Series, Development Officer Robert Wheatley who organised another first for soccer, the N.S.W. Schools Soccer Monthly Magazine and all the remanding staff who all handled their duties with unbelievable efficiency.

Thanking you once again - look forward to seeing you in 1994.

The Soccerblues celebrate Marshall Soper, Frank Gigliotti, Paul Souris and Gerry Gomez hold the State of Origin Trophy aloft, while Board member Jim Prodanovic looks on.







N.S.W. Foster's Soccerblues STATE OF ORIGIN SERIES



The fabulous N.S.W. Foster's Soccerblues defeated Queensland 2-1 on aggregate when they reversed a 0-1 defeat in Brisbane with a sensational 2-0 win in Newcastle.

Above, President Peter Gray presents Carlton and United Breweries' John Ryan with a Soccerblues jumper. Above right Captain Marshall Soper introduces his players to A.S.F. Chairman John Constantine. Right. Soper leads his Soccerblues onto the Mitre 10 Stadium.



BLACKTOWN'S SCHEMBRI LEADS THE WAY

SOCCER'S NEW BRIGADE EMERGE INTO TOP RAMES

By Bob Brooks

One of the younger brigade of soccer coaches to have emerged into top ranks in recent times has been Ken Schembri. Club coach with the Blacktown City Demons and this by the age of 37.

It has been an evolving plan which Schembri set in motion ten years ago when he first coached the Demons Youth League Under 14 side. Schembri was a reasonable player but always though that there is more challenge to being a coach.

As a player/coach with Toongabbie in the Granville Association he first tasted success with the Premier League All Age team when they won their competitions in both First and Reserve Grades.

Coaching qualifications followed as he studied and passed Levels 1 and 2 in quick succession. Since then Ken has achieved Level 3 because he wanted to go on to senior football.

He believes that there is a three year cycle in Coaching. The first year is building a team for success in the second and third years. This can be seen in Schembri's work with the Demons Reserve team where he remained for three seasons. But how is success measured?

Results achieved are one definite measure but surely development of players is another. As Schembri says, "One of my measures of success is with players who you believe have the ability which other people can't see. Langan (Damon Langan) is one of the most gratifying." Schembri saw Langan play for the first time in a preliminary final at Bates Drive Sutherland for Parramatta Eagles Under 15's. He was impressed and asked Langan and Jason Connolly to join him at Gabbie Stadium the next season in the Under 17's.

Within a year by 1989 Langan had made his NSL debut for the Demons and has been in the first team ever since over the last four years.

Schembri likes to share an ambition with a player, both driving towards maximum achievement of the player's

potential.

Not only with young, untried players but with seasoned campaigners. A case in point is the remarkable recovery from a badly broken leg by Lawrie McKinna. Schembri convinced Lawrie that he could come back, McKinna was desperate to try. A common goal was set and agreed.

In January, 1993 the dye was cast. The McKinna Family went to the Central Coast for phase one of the plan. The Schembri Family joined them. Then it was running, running, running. Discussions about a change of diet at home. Cooking lessons for Chris McKinna, Lawrie's wife, and more punishing running.

The results were there for all to see. Lawrie lost 14 kilograms. He made a return to playing in the Reserves, still showing a slight limp. The magic day arrived - selection in the first team the eighth game of the season and he scored! McKinna has gone on to score thirteen Cup and League goals. Does Schembri feel any satisfaction? He most certainly does!

At the start of the 1992 season Schembri found himself thrust into the First Grade Coach's position at Blacktown City. The season was a success - third in the League, runners up in both Waratah Cup and the Grand Final. All this was achieved with a squad that was selected by the previous coach.

Only at the start of the 1993 season did Schembri feel that it was his squad. He though they might win something but at the



1993 seemed like a perfect year for Ken Schembri - the Waratah Cup - The Minor Premiership and the biggest event of all, the birth of his son Brandon, then last Sunday this fabulous year, momentarily turned sour. Pictured the Schembri Family Sue, Brandon and Ken.

halfway mark of the home and away season, with no losses, a reassessment of the potential was necessary.

Schembri set the Minor Premiership as a goal. He decided that the Demons would support the Waratah State Cup by fielding their strongest possible side. They would give of their very best effort in the Cup.

Asked about the Premiership Schembri says, "It's a separate competition. Only when the Minor Premiership is decided will I concentrate on that. After all in the Finals Series just two good games can give the team the major victory."

What of the future for Schembri, the thinking man's coach. He says quite candidly that he would like to be the Brian Clough of Blacktown. The

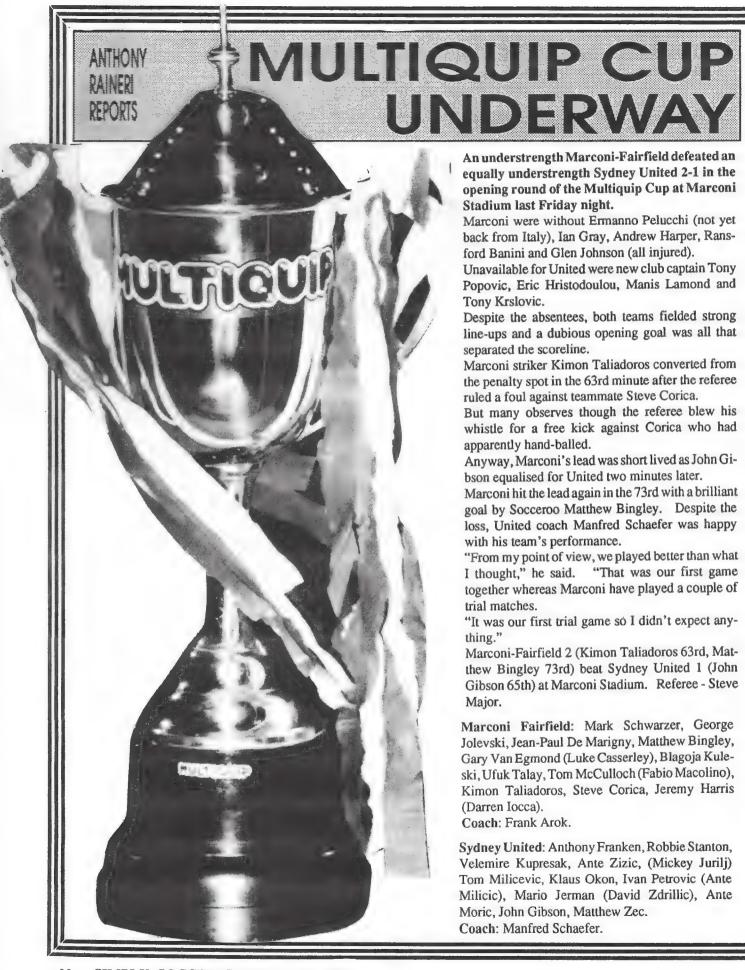
successes achieved by Clough with Nottingham Forest inspire Ken.

Schembri says, "I would like to give the opportunity to work full time with a Club Coach and manage the football affairs of that Club." He believes that the game has developed far enough now to allow full time involvement.

He wishes to go overseas and work with a team of full time professionals in another coed like American Football to study their methods. This team has to be a ball game organisation where a high degree of athleticism is important.

How does Schembri cope with a family life, a very demanding full time job and a position as one of the top soccer coaches in NSW. Well he is highly organised and works with a time diary from 9 am to 9 pm seven days a week, he works with the clock not against it.

He applies management skills learnt through his day time job to the team but in reverse he applies team management skills learnt through soccer to his job. Will Blacktown City Soccer Club provide the challenge and stimulus required by Ken Schembri, only time will tell.



An understrength Marconi-Fairfield defeated an equally understrength Sydney United 2-1 in the opening round of the Multiquip Cup at Marconi Stadium last Friday night.

Marconi were without Ermanno Pelucchi (not yet back from Italy), Ian Gray, Andrew Harper, Ransford Banini and Glen Johnson (all injured).

Unavailable for United were new club captain Tony Popovic, Eric Hristodoulou, Manis Lamond and Tony Krslovic.

Despite the absentees, both teams fielded strong line-ups and a dubious opening goal was all that separated the scoreline.

Marconi striker Kimon Taliadoros converted from the penalty spot in the 63rd minute after the referee ruled a foul against teammate Steve Corica.

But many observes though the referee blew his whistle for a free kick against Corica who had apparently hand-balled.

Anyway, Marconi's lead was short lived as John Gibson equalised for United two minutes later.

Marconi hit the lead again in the 73rd with a brilliant goal by Socceroo Matthew Bingley. Despite the loss, United coach Manfred Schaefer was happy with his team's performance.

"From my point of view, we played better than what I thought," he said. "That was our first game together whereas Marconi have played a couple of trial matches.

"It was our first trial game so I didn't expect any-

Marconi-Fairfield 2 (Kimon Taliadoros 63rd, Matthew Bingley 73rd) beat Sydney United 1 (John Gibson 65th) at Marconi Stadium. Referee - Steve Major.

Marconi Fairfield: Mark Schwarzer, George Jolevski, Jean-Paul De Marigny, Matthew Bingley, Gary Van Egmond (Luke Casserley), Blagoja Kuleski, Ufuk Talay, Tom McCulloch (Fabio Macolino), Kimon Taliadoros, Steve Corica, Jeremy Harris (Darren Iocca).

Coach: Frank Arok.

Sydney United: Anthony Franken, Robbie Stanton, Velemire Kupresak, Ante Zizic, (Mickey Jurilj) Tom Milicevic, Klaus Okon, Ivan Petrovic (Ante Milicic), Mario Jerman (David Zdrillic), Ante Moric, John Gibson, Matthew Zec.

Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

HIGH PRAISE FROM COACH RASIC

Parramatta Eagles and Wollongong City slugged out a 1-1 draw in the opening round of the Multiquip Cup Tournament at Marconi Stadium last Friday night.

After the match young Parramatta substitute Tom Haythornthwaite won almost unbridled praise from his coach Rale Rasic.

Despite playing only the last 15 minutes of the match, Rasic had the following words to say about his 18 year old midfielder.

"Tom had an outstanding game," Rasic said. "He is a future superstar."

"He has super skill, super speed and a super shot with either foot."

Haythornthwaite made his debut for Parramatta in last season's National Cup final loss to Heidelberg United.

"He was one of the best players," Rasic said.

A Parramatta junior, Haythornthwaite's potential was first recognised when chosen in the Australian team to contest the 1991 Under 17 World Championships in Italy.

Haythornthwaite is sure to figure prominently in Rasic's plans this season.

"That's a player you will hear from," Rasic said.

The match was a typical preseason contest with both teams evidently unprepared and guilty of many mistakes and missed scoring opportunities.

Wollongong struck first blow in the 56th minute, but ironically it was thanks to Parramatta's Geoff Gunning who headed in an own goal. Parramatta replied 14 min-



Parramatta - Wollongong City Action.

utes later through Victorian State League recruit Joe Spiteri. Substitute Glenville Donegal and midfielder Gerry Gomez muffed opportunities to win the match for Parramatta.

Marshall Soper had the ball in the net with only a minute to go but the referee had already ruled on a foul seconds earlier.

Wollongong were typically aggressive and full of zest but lacked punch up front. Former Socceroo Scott Ollerenshaw tried hard for his new club but lacked support. Rasic was unable to play new signings John Koch and Craig Moffitt because of a delay in transfer details from

their old club Newcastle Breakers.

Parramatta Eagles 1 (Joe Spiteri 70th) drew with Wollongong City 1 (Geoff Gunning own goal 56th) at Marconi Stadium. Referee-Dennis Humford.

Parramatta: Peter Gunning, Andrew Dowling (Glenville Donegal), Glenn Gwynne, Scott O'Donnell, Adam Ciantar, Gabriel Mandez (Tom Haythornthwaite), Gerry Gomez, Jason Falzon, Geoff Gunning, Marshall Soper and Joe Spiteri.

Coach: Rale Rasic.

Wollongong: Robert Grakovski, Richard Lloyd, Charlie Yankos, Martin Bourke, Mike O'Shea, Matthew Horsley, Sasho Dimoski (Dale White), Lupcho Naumovski, Paul McFadden, Scott Ollerenshaw, Shaun Freestone.

Coach: David Radcliffe.

PARRAMATTA ON TOP

Captain Marshall Soper came to the rescue for Parramatta Eagles, yet again, on Tuesday Night when the scored the match winner against Marconi.

Parramatta defeated the Coca-Cola Soccer League Champions 2-1 in the first match of the Multiquip Cup second round double header.

Soper received the ball in the penalty box and rounded Marconi goalkeeper Tony Pizzano to calmly slot the ball into the back of the net.

Marconi's Tom McCulloch opened the score in the 15th minute when he power drove home from the edge of the penalty box after a goal mouth scramble.

New Parramatta recruit Joe Spiteri replied before half time with his second goal in 2 matches.

The game ended on a sour note with Parramatta midfielder Gabriel Mandez being sent off in injury time for a second yellow card offence.

Ian Gray was a surprise starter for Marconi considering his decision last Friday night to pull out of the Socceroo team which is now touring South Korea.

Sydney United completely dominated their match against Wollongong City, skipping to a commanding 3 - 0 lead before half time and finally cruising to a 4 - 2 victory.

Parramatta lead the Multiquip Cup on 3 points, followed by Marconi and Sydney United on 2 and Wollongong City on 1 point. Next round will be held this Friday at Marconi Stadium.



ovic, 1993 Young Socceroo Ante Milicic (pictured) and former Under 16 Australian player Matthew Zec have been given the task of going to the schools and shopping centres promoting the club. Steve says, "Once people identify with the new logo and the name that these young lads will be promoting, I am sure the people will turn up to watch us."

He adds, "All three are bright young men and the committee has great faith in them that they will do a great job for the club."

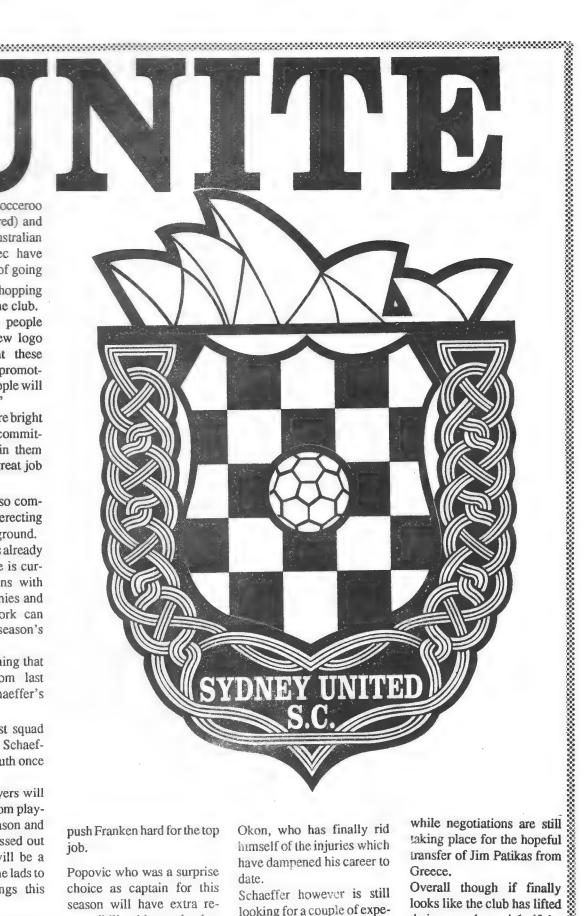
The committee is also committed to eventually erecting a grandstand at the ground. With the foundations already down the committee is currently in negotiations with construction companies and are hoping that work can begin before the season's end.

Probably the only thing that hasn't changed from last year is Manfred Schaeffer's playing squad.

Having the youngest squad in the league, coach Schaeffer is banking on youth once again this season.

He believes his players will have learned a lot from playing together last season and having only just missed out on a finals berth will be a great incentive for the lads to achieve bigger things this year.

Once again it will have the experienced Tony Franken in goals while Zeljko Kalac is back from Croatia and will



Popovic who was a surprise choice as captain for this season will have extra responsibility this year but has no qualms about the task.

The only new recruit so far this season has been Klaus

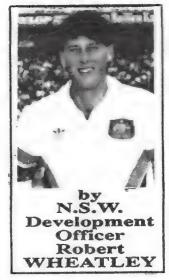
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Schaeffer however is still looking for a couple of experienced players and is hoping that he can land the hardworking Brad Maloney

Greece.

Overall though if finally looks like the club has lifted their act and certainly if the new committee has its way they are set for a bright fu-

V. SCHOOLS DOUBLE



The Australian Schools National Titles held in Darwin from August 22-28 proved a triumph for N.S.W. when both the boys and girls sides were crowned National Champions.

The organisation, atmosphere and standard was exceptional. The facilities at the Marrara Football Park were first class. All grounds had excellent playing surfaces which produced good soccer.

Since the inception of the Australian Championships in 1988 players such as Ned Zelic, David Seal and Tony Vidmar together with Sharon Black and Katrina Boyd have underlined the quality of players participating in this event.

The N.S.W. boys team always looked probable champions but had to battle hard to beat runners-up South Australia 2-0 in A much the crunch game. stronger squad in depth from last year meant no real weak links.

Les Pogliacomi proved an outstanding keeper and David Kerr and Tony Gigliotti very strong in the centre of defence. Jason Cheeseman and Chad Gibson shone in midfield and John Ghisso, Bob Brodie and Harry James dangerous 'up front'. **RESULTS - BOYS**



N.S.W. captain Tony Gigliotti holds up the winners shield.

1-1 (Ghisso) vs Victoria vs ACT 3-1 (Cheeseman 2, James) vs Queensland 3-0 (Ghisso,

Brodie, Collins)

vs WA 2-2 (Brodie)

vs NT 6-0 (Brodie 2, Collins, Cheeseman, James, Gibson) vs SA 2-0 (James, Modena)

Former Socceroo coach Frank Arok was the guest speaker at the Annual Dinner and an interested spectator at the games. He must have been impressed by some of the talent on show.

An Australian Schools side was selected after the titles with Poghocomi, Gigliotti, Kerr, Gibson, Ghisso and James making the side. (Cheeseman and Broadie were requested to be on standby.) All played in a 2-1 defeat by the Northern Territory side on Friday.

All in all a great week! AUSTRALIAN SQUADS **GIRLS**

Natalie Bell; Julie Hanman; Nadine Humphreys; Hannah Burton; Trudy Diamond; Verna



Action from the Girl's Nationals in Darwin.

Drinskelle: Debbie Tait; Helosie Gibb; Joanne Peters; Megan Cotton; Taryn Rockall; Kristen Spinner; Melissa Denning; Michelle Watson; Denise Benetis; Karla Spilarewics. BOYS

Leslie Pogliacomi; Luke Met-

calfe; Tony Gigliotti; David Kerr; Maruice Islas; Jason Cheeseman: Chad Gibson: Chris Sheppard; Harry James; Johnny Ghisso; Bobbie Brodie; Bryan Keevers; Adam Collins; Daniel Ashford; Carl Modina; Steven Angelov.

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YOUNG WOMEN'S NATIONALS

THE Australian Women's Soccer Association's National Youth Championships concluded at Parklea, Sydney on Saturday September 11, 1993. Queensland hoisted the Championship Trophy with a 1-0 result over Tournament favourites NSW.

The final was a fine exhibition of soccer from two teams which had provided the key performances throughout the week-long tournament.

NSW topped the table after the round-robin part of the tournament, winning all six preliminary games, scoring 20 goals and conceding none. They achieved the Association Trophy for their efforts.

Queensland had only dropped two points during the week, losing the first game of the Tournament 1-0 in a close contest with NSW.

With the two top teams clashing in the final it provided many good chances, and the opportunities in front of goals for both teams does not reflect the final score of only 1-0.

The other teams in the Championship battled gamely to match the top two, and it was the ACT who finally finished in third place.



Action form the N.S.W. - Queensland National Womens Youth Championship Final at Parklea.

FOLLOWING the successful 1993 Australian Women's Soccer Association National Youth Championship held at Parklea, National Coach Peter Kelly has announced the Australian Women's Youth Squad.

The players selected are: ACT Tammie Bell (Defender) NSW Susan Read (Goalkeeper), Hannah Burton (Midfielder), Joanne Peters (Midfielder), Jackie Hadden (Midfielder), Alison Hayes (Forward), Tracy Weston (Defender), Kristen Spinner (Defender), Michelle Watson (Forward) and Megan Clayton (Midfielder/Forward).

Northern NSW Bridgette Starr (Defender)

Queensland Tanya Cowen

(Goalkeeper), Corinne Currey (Midfielder), Belinda Kitching (Goalkeeper), Kim Revell (Forward) and Emma Cook (Defender).

SA Kristy Moore (Forward) and Bess Hepworth (Defender). Tasmania Sarah Fitzgerald (Utility)

Victoria Chris Tsamasiros (Defender)

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1974 World Cup coach Rale Rasic, Cricket great Alan Davidson and former sensational World record holder, swimmer Kevin Berry with cartoonist Tony Rafty and his drawing of the Austalian 1974 World Cup team.

RASIC'S 1974 WORLD CUP PLAYERS ON SHOW THIS SATURDAY

Nineteen years and eleven months after qualifying for the 1974 World Cup, Rale Rasic and his now not so young charges will begin their 20th Anniversary with a Challenge match against a select Bonnyrigg "Old Boys" with guest players like Red Star Greats Dragoslav Sekulovac and Nilan Jankovic.

The match to kick off at 3.30 pm next Saturday, September 25 offers a great opportunity to witness "history" as our only World Cup Finalists parade their skills.

John Watkiss, Doug

Utjesenovic, Adrian Alston, Max Tolson, Jimmy Fraser, Dave Harding, Ernie Campbell and George Harris will make up the 1974 Squad while Alex Robertson and former Socceroo and Marconi striker Nastevski will make up the historic team. Unfortunately Johnny Warren will not be able to play or attend, but it is hoped Ron

Jimmy Fraser.

A great afternoon of nostalgia is assured so make the
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Corey will be able to share

the goalkeeping duties with

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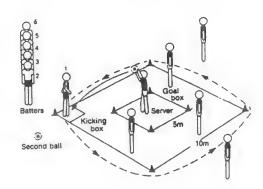
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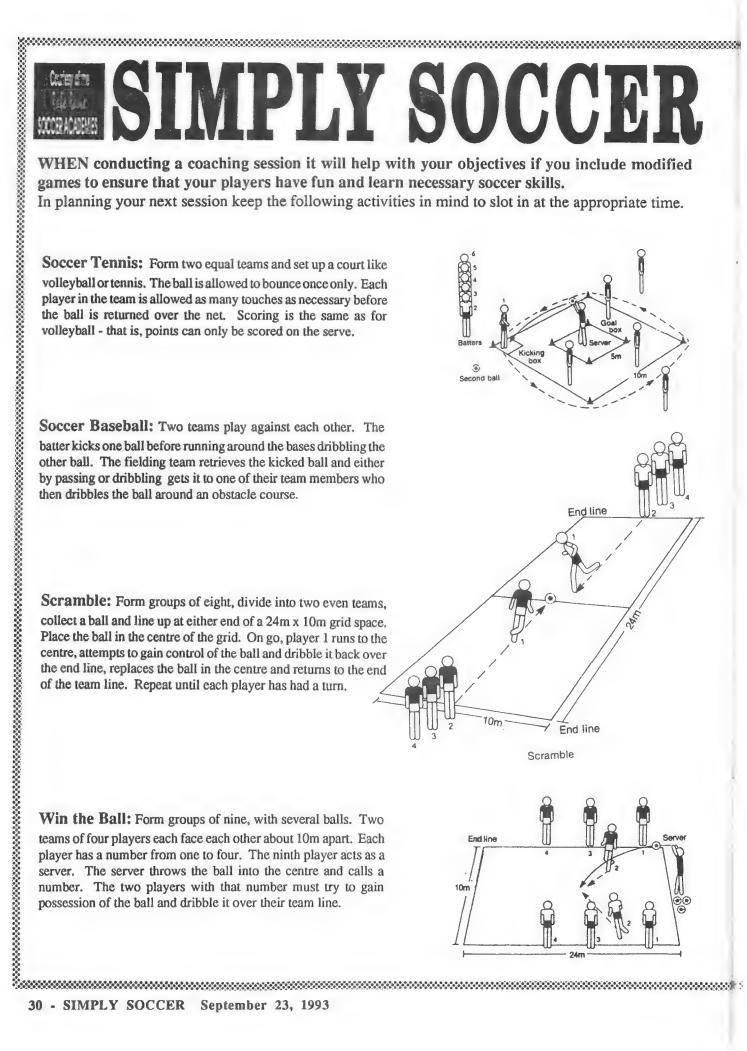
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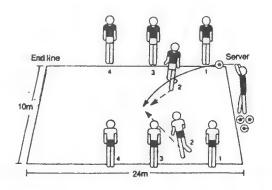
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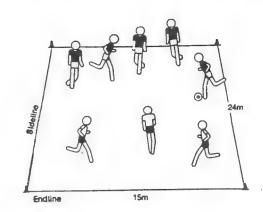






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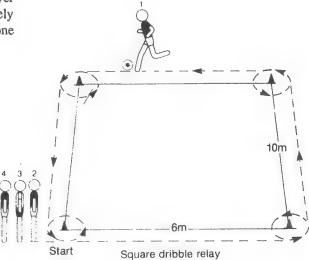
Soccer Rounders: Set up a grid about 30m x 20m. Form two teams of equal numbers. One team (Team A) is positioned inside the grid. The other team (Team B) lines up at one corner of the grid. Team A in the centre of the grid tries to obtain as many passes/headers, keeping count until Team B has completed its task. B dribbles the ball, one by one, around the outside of the grid until each member has been once. The last player calls 'Stop' when finished and A also stops. Teams swap over and the team with the most passes/headers in the winner.



End Ball: Set up a grid approximately 25m x 12m. Form two unequal teams. The team with one or two extra players is the attacking team and must try by passing the ball to dribble the ball over the end line of the grid. The smaller defending team attempts to intercept passes. The ball must actually be dribbled over the end line and not kicked.



Circle Ball: Form groups of six to eight players who form a circle. Try: keeping the ball from a player in the middle; the player with the ball calls a player's name, passes the ball and immediately follows the ball; players pass the ball around the circle while one of the group runs around the circle trying to beat the ball.



Square Dribble Relay: Form groups of four, collect a ball and four markers. Place the markers at the corner of a 10m x 6m grid space. Line up outside the grid space. On go, player 1 dribbles the ball around the square circling each marker and passes the ball to player 2. Continue until all players have had a turn. Variation, dribble the ball in the opposite direction.

COUNTRY SOCCER - A REGULAR LOOK AT "THE BUSH"

THREE IN A ROW FOR THE

by Peter Page

It was a familiar story in the Wagga Soccer League Grand Final last Sunday as Henwood Park Hawks convincingly defeated Tolland 5-0 to record its third consecutive Grand Final victory in three years.

The Hawks have now been unbeaten in over 60 league matches and don't even look like having a competitor capable of making a challenge for their title.

After Tolland coach Frank Lawlers comments about the Hawks in Friday's press the Hawks were keyed up and ready to make him eat his words.

On a wet and greasy surface Tolland were just outclassed from the outset, the first goal was scored after just one minute and thirty seconds when Hawks midfielder, Michael Schmid found space on the left of the 18 metre box before crossing to Sefan Gabriel running into the near post to hit the ball high into the net giving Tolland keeper, Brett Jenkinson no chance.

However, Jenkinson's saves in the 6th minute from Anthony Gardiner's powerful shot and the 20th minute form Michael Gardiner's close range strike kept Tolland in the game when it looked as though it was going to be beyond them.

The Hawks midfield combination dominated the Tolland outfit's resistance giving the match a one sided look.

Schmid, Barry Cole and



Rale Rasic coaching he kids of Wagga Wagga

Graham Oke gained so much possession for the Hawks that Tolland's Tony Joyce, Steve Wait, Glen Eves and Bendan Connolly were forced to defend for large amounts of time.

Stefan Gabriel scored the Hawks second goal when Michael Gardiner beat his man on the right flank before crossing the ball to the centre for Gabriel to nudge home.

Tolland's strikers Michael Hatton and Mark Sayer were battling hard up front with very little to show for their efforts, any time that possession was gained the Hawks defence closed down quickly not allowing the duo to make much progress.

Two minutes before half time Gabriel scored his hat trick when he combined with Michael Gardiner gain to head home the goal giving his team a 3-0 half time ad-



Rasic being interviewed on Radio Wagga

vantage.

The score remained at 3-0 until half time with Tolland being outgunned in midfield and being outplayed tactically in all other departments.

With Gabriel's timely running to the near post and well executed finishing it was surprising not to see Tolland look to cut off his supply.

The second half saw Tolland tighten the defence up but it was too late with the Hawks coming out in the second half and although not as dominant as in the first gave very little away as Tolland gamely fought back.

Tolland made changes bringing on midfielder Bruce O'Donnell and defender Mark Shaw for Tony Joyce and Steve Wait. Joyce injuring his ankle earlier when falling awkwardly. The Hawks relentlessly applied pressure to the Tolland defence and then in the 63rd

COUNTRY SOCCER - A REGULAR LOOK AT "THE BUSH"

HENWOOD PARK HAWKS

minute Gabriel from close range connected with a shot that saw keeper Jenkinson pull off another fine save with a corner kick being given.

From the corner Michael Gardiner scored the Hawks fourth goal with a header from the far post while brother Anthony scored with a 22 metre piledriver that sealed Tolland's fate. In Division Two Henwood Park Hawks won 3-2 over Tolland after coming back from a 1-2 deficit at half-time.

Tolland had a lot of possession in midfield with Bruce O'Donnell and Dave Tyson combining well and setting up chances.

The Hawks took a bit of time to settle down with some of the early exchanges showing panic in their clearances.

However, they eventually



settled down to overcome nerves with Neil Jones hitting the back of the net when he was well positioned in the 15th minute to pounce onto a loose ball and score.

Tolland hit back straight away when veteran striker Gary Marshallsea received a ball inside the box before hitting the ball into the back of the net for the equaliser. Three minutes later Tolland's young striker Damien Bocking put his team ahead when he was on hand to ram a rebound into the net to make the score 2-1. The second half saw the Hawks come out strongly and it wasn't long before Peter Adams equalised after

Jason Ratliff crossed the ball.

With both teams fighting for supremacy in the late stages of the game it was to be the Hawks third successive Grand Final win when Neil Jones, again, was on hand to finish off a move where Adams laid on a through ball.

SOME RECORD?

After three successive Grand Final wins as well as three successive Minor Premierships in both first and reserve grades in the Wagga Soccer League it would appear that Henwood Park Hawks have set a quite impressive record. When the Hawks won Sunday's Grand Fianl it capped off a great achievement for the club with the first grade side being unbeaten in that three year pe-

riod.

Coach Bill Lyons, the first team coach, has now completed his second season in charge of the Hawks and if he finds he is lacking a challenge after this season is just could be tempted to make a return show next season.

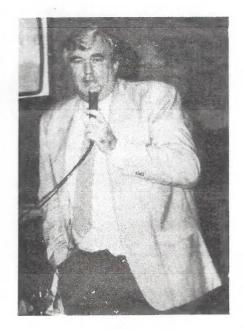
The first grade side have won over 60 odd matches on the trot and don't even look like being beaten.

Many of the players are now into their thirties and will

find it difficult to go around next year by with a good squad of young players ready to be promoted the club's future looks assured. Many of the team have been together for many years like Michel Schmid, Jeff Ingram, Michael Hornby, Neil Jones and Andrew Stemp. Additional player to come into the club are Peter Griffin, Graham Oke, Barry Cole, brothers Michael and Anthony Gardiner and juniors Stefan

Gabriel and Martin Vonarx. Many of the reserve team players ready to step in include Peter Adams, Simon Plum, Jason Ratliff, Darren Gardiner, Glenn Page and Martin Read all youngsters that have come up through the clubs junior ranks.

No doubt with the benefits of a strong junior club and an experienced club executive it explains why the Hawks will be flying high for a number of years yet.



GRAND FINAL LUNCHEON





The build up to the 1993 Super League Grand Final began on the Friday prior to the big day with the Grand Final Luncheon at the Lowenbrau Kellar. Pictured (top left) President Peter Gray, (above) Chris Tanner interviewing Socceroo coach Eddie Thomson. (Left) A.S.F. Chairman John Constantine, (below left) Bankstown City Coach Lube Jancev while (below) Comic Calvin De Grey entertains the guests.





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